

REMARKS

Applicants have carefully reviewed the Office Action dated August 21, 2006, in which election of a single species was requested in compliance with 35 U.S.C. §121. The Examiner has identified Figures 4-11 as being drawn to Species A and Figures 12-15 as being drawn to Species B. In response to the Office Action, Applicants hereby elect to prosecute Species A directed to Figures 4-11 as indicated in the Office Action, corresponding to claims 31-56. Applicants make this election without traverse.

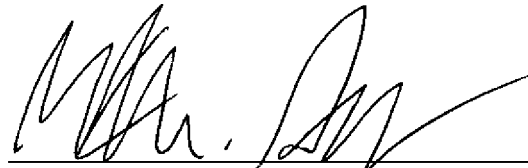
Reexamination and reconsideration are respectfully requested. It is respectfully submitted that the claims are now in condition for allowance, and issuance of a Notice of Allowance in due course is requested. If a telephone conference might be of assistance, please contact the undersigned attorney at (612) 677-9050.

Respectfully,

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By their attorney,

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